



# AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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**A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 7pm at  
Axmouth Village Hall.**

**Those present:**

Cllr Daniel, Cllr Drown, Cllr Condrón, Cllr McBride and Cllr Garrett.

**In attendance:**

Andy Comerford (Clerk), Mr G Loveridge

- 1. To receive and acknowledge apologies:** Cllr Hall (DCC) (Work Commitments). Cllr Westerman (Council meeting) Cllr Zisman (prior commitment), Cllr Staff (prior commitment).

The Clerk declared the meeting to be quorate.

- 2 Declaration of Interests:** None declared.

- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th February 2025 to be approved.** (circulated).

Approved and signed by Cllr Daniel.

- 4 To agree any items to be discussed after the public, including the press, have been excluded:**

None.

- 5. Public Forum.**

None.

- 6. Highway Matters:**

- a) Damage reported by Crescy Cannan. Communication had been received from Crescy Cannan concerning the destruction of grass and daffodils planted on the triangle at Springhead and to the area where the chair is by the Bindon Estate entry which had been churned up by the beaters trailer that had used it to reverse into the bridal path to turn round as the road was closed for South West Water repairs. Mrs Cannan was asking if the Parish Council could press for restoration of both locations. There was some discussion on the damage and that it wasn't a major repair job. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Bindon Estate drawing their attention to the matter. **Action:** Clerk to write to Bindon Estate.

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b) Traffic Control Signage. No further progress.

Cllr Daniel reported that Axe Vale Conservation Society had carried out a clean up along the riverbank and roadside between Coronation Corner and the bridge; for which the village is very appreciative. The resulting rubbish, including tyres, had been left in the layby adjacent to the golf course lane. The general rubbish had been removed but the tyres remain. It was agreed that EDDC should be notified to see if they will remove them in the first instance. Cllr Condrón reported that the council charged £5.80 per car tyre at the refuse site. **Action:** Clerk to inform Council.

Cllr McBride reported that no action had been taken on the faulty street lighting he has reported on a number of occasions. Cllr McBride stated he would report it again.

Cllr Daniel reported that he had notified Highways of the large pothole in Higher Lane but there had been no action to date.

Mr Loveridge reported that although some hedge cutting had been carried out from Rustic Cottage to the Higher Lane junction but there was an area that still caused an obstruction. **Action.** Clerk to inform Highways.

Cllr McBride also reported that there had been an increase in HGV passing through the village but was unable to confirm where they were coming from.

## 7. Financial Matters:

- a) To approve the financial statements to the end February 2025. Approved.
- b)
  - i. Request that Devon Pension Fund permit the Axmouth Parish Council to enter a period of suspended participation in the Fund for the period from 1 April 2023 until the latest of 31 March 2026.
  - ii. That a Secondary Rate Contribution of £2.96 per month be paid during this suspension period. The arrears are to be paid into the Fund and a standing order arrangement be set up to pay future contributions for the balance of the suspension period.Items b) i. and ii. Were discussed and agreed.
- c) To approve the following payments:
  - 1. ROSPA, Playground Inspection. £105.60. Agreed.
- d) The Confirm External Auditor for 2014/2025.  
The Clerk proposed Mrs T Jenkins. This was agreed.



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The Clerk informed the Council that the annual direct debit paid to Microsoft had increased from £79.99 to £104.99.

The Clerk informed the Council that Lloyds Bank now charged £4.25 per month service fee and 10p per on-line transaction.

The Clerk reported that he had requested a list of current signatories on the bank account. Currently they are Cllr Daniel, Cllr Garrett, The Clerk, retired Cllrs Britton and Badger. It was agreed that Cllr Garrett and retired Cllrs Britton and Badger would be removed from the list. It was agreed that Cllr Condon be added as a signatory.

The Clerk requested a budget of £250 to replace the current projector. This was agreed.

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a VAT repayment of £451.34. It was agreed to transfer this to the earmarked account.

## **8 Planning.**

- a) 25/0290/FUL. (circulated). Dealt with prior to meeting.
- b) 25/0291/LBC. (circulated). Dealt with prior to meeting
- c) 25/0321/FUL. Downlands Farm. (circulated).

## **9. Playground:**

Cllr Condon reported that the ROSPA playground report had been received. It stated that there was only one issue with a nut that needed attention other than that all the advisories were low risk and no urgent remedial work was required apart from a couple of entrapment issues where a child's fingers could get caught. The report was to be discussed by the Playground committee at its next meeting along with the possibility of the planting of a tree with a plaque to commemorate the birth of children within Axmouth and any other action that can be taken to improve the playground experience.

## **10. Graveyard.**

Cllr Daniel reported that he was meeting with members of the PCC the following Monday at 11am in the graveyard.

## **11. Footpath update.**

Cllr Condon had made contact with the new owners of Gatcombe and the proposals for the new footpath were sent to them for their consideration but there had been no response to date.



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Cllr Daniel reported that he had completed the P3 application for a £300 grant towards footpath maintenance. He had also completed and submitted the footpath survey and circulated to all councillors.

## **12. Village Hall.** Nothing to report.

## **13. Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Clerk informed the council that the next meeting was also the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to invite reports from The Village Hall, The Children's Theatre, Axe Yacht Club, The Church and Friends of the Church, Axmouth Football Club, Axe Vale Canoe Club and Axmouth Show Committee.

## **14. Broadband roll out.** No further progress.

## **15. Dog Bin.**

Cllr Condron reported that he was still considering a number of options.

## **16. Bus Stop.**

Cllr Daniel had met with Andrew Morgan at the bus stop and agreed to submit a quotation for repairs to the shelter. This could then be considered with the quotation from Sean Bolt.

## **17. Village clean up day.**

Cllr Condron proposed Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This was agreed. Cllr Condron said he would approach The Ship about refreshments which they kindly provided last year. Cllr Condron said he had also received an offer of some volunteer labour.

## **18. Reports.**

- a) County Councillor report: Circulated.
- b) District Councillor Report: Circulated.
- c) Parish Councillor reports:

Cllr Daniel reported that he had written a report for the Parish magazine but the deadline had been mislaid. He had posted a copy on the notice board. It was suggested that the report was amended and used as the basis of the Chairs report for the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr Garrett said that her Council tax bill had indicated that The Parish had made an 8% saving on the previous year. The Clerk felt this was misleading and would investigate the reason why.



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Cllr Garrett said she was handing in her resignation from the council and had sent an e-mail to the clerk accordingly. Cllr Daniel thanked her very much for her contribution for a second time round. This left 3 places available for new councillors. Councillors were asked to consider approaching any members of the parish they thought may consider becoming a councillor.

a) Clerks report: None given.

d) **To accept any relevant correspondence.** None received

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: 16.04. 2025

Signed *N. Daniel* Date            16<sup>th</sup> April 2025           

Meeting closed 8.04pm.